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REPORT

On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions

of the

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year

1970

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

JOSEPH REYNOLDS

Medical Officer of Health
of the Warminster Urban
District Council

Health Department
Craven House,
Warminster,
Wiltshire.

Councillor D. Bishop,
Chairman of Warminster Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1970, relating to the state of the public health and sanitary conditions in the Urban District of Warminster. With it is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

It will be seen from the Vital Statistics that the Urban District compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales. No serious outbreak of infectious disease took place during the period.

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues, the Family Doctors, the County Medical Officer of Health, the Director of the Bath Public Health Laboratory, and the staff of the Urban District Council, for their co-operation in the work of the Public Health Department. I am grateful to the Public Health Committee for their interest and co-operation in the supervision of the health in the area.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

AUGUST 1971.

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

	To 20th May 1970	From 20th May 1970
Chairman of the Council:	Cllr. A. C. Curtis	Cllr. G. H. Nicholls
Vice-Chairman:	Cllr. G.H. Nicholls	Cllr. D. Bishop
Chairman of the Public Health & Properties Committee:	Cllr. J.P. Quartley	Cllr. E.Rees J.P.
Members of the Public Health & Properties Committee:	Chairman of the Council ex officio	
Councillors:	A. Beaven L.F. Burgess M. Hayward E.R. Middleton G.H. Nicholls J.P. Quartley E. Rees, J.P.	D. Bishop Miss E.G. Butterworth J. House E.R. Middleton G.H. Nicholls E.Rees J.P. J.L. Wall

Members elected to the West Wilts Water Board

Cllr. L.F. Burgess
Cllr. E.F.S. Whitmarsh

Deputies: Cllr. A.C. Curtis
Cllr. R.J. King J.P.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health:

Joseph Reynolds M.C., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.R.F.P., & S.Glas., D.P.H.(Eng.)

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA
(figures in brackets refer to previous year)

Area of the District in acres	5,651	
Population - Registrar General's estimate as at 30th June 1970.	13,110	(12,710)
Density of Population - persons per acre	2.3	(2.3)
Number of Hereditaments	4,276	(4,162)
Number of Council Owned Dwellings	1,047	(1,004)
Rateable Value at 1st April 1969	£514,682	(484,690)
Estimated Product of Penny Rate	£2,077	(£1,955)
Rateable Value per head of population	£39.25p.	(£39.12.8)
Total Loan Dept.	£1,877,661	(£1,545,994)

The town is very pleasantly situated on the chalk in the Wylye Valley at the South Western edge of Salisbury Plain. The School of Infantry Training is well concealed within the district boundaries and does not obtrude on the landscape. Large R.E.M.E. establishments provide much employment as do other motor engineering works.

Other industries include shoe component factories, glove factories, printing works (including production of greeting cards), pottery works, furniture manufacturers and a banana storage, ripening and distribution centre.

COMPARABILITY OF RATES

The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces who were stationed in the area. The population figures given are home population (i.e. including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The area comparability factors for use with crude birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When Local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area for that year.

1. Live Births

	Male	Female
TOTAL	123	135
Legitimate	115	127
Illegitimate	8	8

Live Birth Rate

a. Per 1,000 population of the Urban District.	19.7
b. of the Urban District after correction by Area Comparability factor (1.02)	20.1
c. Per 1,000 population of the County of Wilts.	17.2
d. Per 1,000 population of England and Wales	16.0
e. Ratio of Local adjusted birthrate to national rate	1.26
f. Illegitimate live births as a percentage of all live births	6

		Male	Female	Total
2) Still Births.				
TOTAL		2	3	
Legitimate		2	3	
3) Deaths				
Number of deaths as enumerated by Registrar General.		78	71	149
Death Rate per 1,000 population of the Urban District	11.4			
Death Rate after correction by Area Comparability Factor (.86)	9.8			
Death Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire.	10.7			
Death Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales.	11.7			
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate.	0.84			
4) Deaths of infants under one year of age				
TOTAL		2	2	
Legitimate		1	1	
5) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age				
TOTAL		0	1	
Legitimate		0	0	
6) Deaths of infants under one week of age				
TOTAL		0	1	
Legitimate		0	0	

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases.	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP I. Infective and Parasitic Diseases													
B.11 Meningococcal Infection	M	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP II. Neoplasms													
B.19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
B.19(5) Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
B.19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B.19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
B.19(10) Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
GROUP VI. Diseases of the Nervous System													
B.46(4) Multiple Sclerosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.46(5) Other Diseases of the Nervous System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System													
B.26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	Age in years 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP VII - Diseases of the Circulatory System													
B. 27 Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
B.28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	11
	F	12	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	2	-	10
B.29 Other forms of heart disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
B.30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	18
B.46(6) Other diseases of circulatory system	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
GROUP VIII - Diseases of the Respiratory System													
B.31 Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.32 Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
B.33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.46 (7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks &under 1 year	Age in years 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35-	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 & over
GROUP IX - Diseases of the Digestive System													
B.46 (8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
GROUP XV - Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality													
B.43 Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XVI - Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions													
B.45 Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XVII - Accidents, Poisonings and Violence													
BE 47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
BE 48 All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	78	-	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	9	25	33
	F	71	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	8	52

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors)

YEAR	POPULATION	BIRTHS	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION WARMINSTER	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION ENGLAND AND WALES	DEATHS	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION WARMINSTER	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION ENGLAND AND WALES	DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE
1961	9,930	181	18.2	17.4	115	10.8	12.0	4
1962	9,780	198	18.4	18.0	118	9.4	11.9	2
1963	10,110	186	19.9	18.2	137	12.5	12.2	2
1964	10,420	209	21.7	18.4	142	12.5	11.3	4
1965	10,700	251	25.3	18.1	110	8.4	11.5	1
1966	11,670	254	23.9	17.7	122	9.6	11.7	5
1967	12,020	257	21.8	17.2	146	10.6	11.2	4
1968	12,230	237	19.8	16.9	177	13.4	11.9	10
1969	12,710	240	19.3	16.3	159	11.3	11.9	4
1970	13,110	258	20.1	16.0	149	9.8	11.7	4

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

A) Laboratory Facilities

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director, but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory.

B) Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from Bradford-on-Avon where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

Where there is a dialling system in operation - dial 999.

Where there is no dialling system, lift receiver and ask for an ambulance.

C) Midwifery, Home Nusing, Health Visitors and Home Helps

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge. Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

D) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The following clinics serve the district:-

1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor of midwife.
Warminster Health Centre Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, commencing at 2 p.m.

2. Infant Welfare:

The Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster at 2 to 4 p.m. on every Friday of each month.

Military Families Club, School of Infantry, Imber Road, Warminster at 2 to 4 p.m. on every Thursday of each month.

3. Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles and poliomyelitis Immunizations:

The Warminster Clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at the Health Centre, The Avenue, Warminster.

The family doctors will also carry out these immunizations, by appointment. In addition they will vaccinate any infant against smallpox preferably in the second year of life.

4. Eye:

By invitation from theCounty Council.
Second, fourth and fifth Fridays in each month, at Methodist Schoolroom Warminster.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area (Cont'd)

5. Chiropody

By arrangement with the County Council.

6. Venereal Diseases

	Men		Women	
General Infirmary Salisbury.	Tuesday Friday	1.30 - 4 p.m. 3 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday Friday	1.30 - 4 p.m. 3 - 6 p.m.
Royal United Hospital Bath	Tuesday Friday	5 - 6 p.m. 5 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday Friday	2.30 - 4 p.m. 2.30 - 4 p.m.

7. Family Planning

Health Clinic at 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. on every second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

8. Cervical Cytology

Health Clinic from 2 p.m. on every first and third Wednesday of each month.

9. Smokers' Clinic

By Appointment.

10. Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes

Health Clinic from 2.30 p.m. on Every Monday of each month.

11. Enuresis Clinic

By appointment.

12. Speech Clinic

By invitation from County Council. Every Wednesday morning of each month.

Welfare foods are distributed at the Health Clinic, The Avnue, Warminster on:
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Friday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Nursing equipment and appliances can be loaned from the Medical Loan Depot in charge of Mrs. J.P. Quartley, Stable House, Sambourne Road, Warminster. Telephone Warminster 2198.

Hospitals

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee:

	Beds	Classification	Type of case dealt with
Warminster Hospital	30	Wholly general	Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases Chronic sick patients for short periods only.
Westbury and District Hospital	20	" "	
Sambourne Hospital Warminster	102	Mainly chronic sick.	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 26 welfare residents.
Beckford Hospital Warminster	32	Pre-convalescent and recovery unit plus orthopaedic cases	

General Provisions of Health Service in the Area (cont'd)

Hospitals (continued)

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to Hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge, Bath and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, The Manor Hospital, Bath, and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

Mortuary

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster.

The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Department of Health and Social Security

Weymouth Street,
Warminster. Telephone Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Area Offices

School Lane,
Bellvue Road,
Salisbury. Telephone Salisbury 27601

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge. Telephone Trowbridge 4491.

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an Officer of the Board are required, please Telephone:-

Trowbridge	5598
Westbury	2982
Salisbury	22027
Winterslow	431

Department of Employment & Productivity

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone Warminster 2351.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Avenue,
Warminster.

Telephone: Warminster 3435

Hours

Monday 2.30 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 - 11.30 a.m.
Friday 10 - 12 noon.

Laverton Institute,
Westbury,

Telephone Westbury 2122.

Tuesday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Thursday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Friday 3 - 4 p.m.

Mental Health Officer

Mr. T. Hodgson.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084

During Office Hours

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve,
Trowbridge.

SECTION C

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Supplies of certain Prophylactic and Therapeutic Agents can be obtained in an emergency from:-

The Chief Pharmacist,
Ham Green Hospital,
Pill, Bristol. Telephone 027581 2661

The preparations held are:

Anthrax Antiserum
Botulinum Antitoxin
Human Antitetanus Immunoglobulin
Ovine Antitetanus Serum
Pralidoxime Mesylate (P2S)

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

Arrangements for immunization against anthrax can be made through the Wiltshire County Council.

Poisons Information Service

A National Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital, London S.E.1 (HOP 7600) to provide information to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the Public.

Organophosphorus Poisoning

Certain insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyrindine-2-aldoxine-methiodide (PAM). A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Telephone no. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division C.D.E.E. (Ministry of Supply), Porton, Wilts. (Telephone no. Idmiston 211).

Infectious Diseases notified during 1970

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	2	-	-	-	11	2	2	1	5	1	-	1	25
Meningococcal Infections	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	5
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	5

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Measles	191	31	33	107	193	78	169	33	147	25
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	7	-	2	7	2	2	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Food Poisoning	-	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

Mass Radiography Service: A unit of this service visits Warminster on alternate Tuesdays and is stationed at the Central Car Park, Warminster from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.

Tuberculosis

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cases on Register at 31.12.69	18	21	14	13
New Cases notified during 1970	1	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	1	2	-	-
Transferred out of district	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register at 31.12.70	18	19	14	13

Notifications and Deaths during the year:-

Year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Total	
	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths
1961	4	-	-	1(not onregister)	4	1(not on regist
1962	3	1	-	-	3	1
1963	4	-	1	-	5	-
1964	6	1	2	-	8	1
1965	2	1	-	-	2	1
1966	5	1	-	-	5	1
1967	3	1	-	-	3	1
1968	-	-	-	1(not on register)	-	1(not registe
1969	-	2	2	-	2	2
1970	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on register at end of each year:

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1961	58	26	84
1962	53	27	80
1963	55	28	83
1964	56	30	86
1965	57	30	87
1966	55	28	83
1967	54	25	79
1968	48	25	73
1969	39	27	66
1970	37	27	64

IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1970

(The figures are supplied by courtesy of Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, C.M.O.H. Wilts.)

		CHILDREN born in years					1961 - 65	1955 - 60	OTHERS under 16
		1970	1969	1968	1967	1966			
Primary imms. Completed During 1970	Diph.	79	100	16	2	-	10	-	-
	Wh.cough	79	90	8	2	-	-	-	-
	Tetanus	79	101	16	2	-	10	3	-
	Measles	-	52	44	15	16	12	1	-
	Polio.	78	95	14	2	-	2	-	1
Reinforcing imms. given in 1970	Diph.	-	37	61	13	30	39	-	-
	Wh.cough	-	17	30	3	2	1	-	-
	Tetanus	-	37	61	13	30	41	2	-
	Polio.	-	29	57	11	32	57	1	-

SMALLPOX

	Months				Years		
Age group	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	1	2 - 4	5 - 15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	58	45	20
re-Vaccinations					-	-	28

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

Water to the Urban District is supplied by the West Wilts Water Board from sources at Arn Hill in the Urban District; Upton Scudamore in the Warminster and Westbury Rural District; Burtonfield, Mere and Dunkerton, Maiden Bradley in the Mere and Tisbury Rural District.

All occupied dwellinghouses in the Urban District receive a supply from the Water Board's mains.

Supplies have been sufficient in quantity and satisfactory in quality save in the most important respect - the fluoride content. In the water supplied to Warminster this varied in content between 0.1 and 0.16 p.p.m. It is now well known that the fluoridation of water supplies at the level of 1.0 p.p.m. is a highly effective way of reducing dental decay and is completely safe. This most important public health measure should be put into operation with the least possible delay.

Section 47 National Assistance Act 1948

No action under this Section has been necessary during 1970.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the Urban District.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has provided the following report:

FOOD PREMISES

Within the Urban District there are sixty-five various types of food premises as listed, including those registered by the Council for the sale of Ice Cream and processing of food under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

During the year a total of 286 visits were made to these premises arising out of which it was necessary in only two cases to take informal action for contraventions of the Food Hygiene and General Regulations 1960.

Butchers	8
Grocery and General	37
Fishmongers	2
Bakehouse	1
Fish Fryers	3
Cafes	14

MILK SAMPLES

All milk sold in the Urban District is heat treated. There are sixteen licensed distributors of milk and ninety-two visits were made to their premises for the purpose of inspection and routine sampling.

A total of 133 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Bath, for examination and statutory tests. Of these five failed the Methylene Blue Test (for pasturised milk) signifying a weakness either in the method of storage or in the sterilising of equipment. In each case the follow up samples proved satisfactory.

HOUSING

During the year forty-five houses were inspected for unfitness under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957 and Closing Orders were made by the Council on five dwellings declared unfit for habitation.

A high percentage of all the premises inspected were thought to be substandard and lacking in modern amenities. Those dwellings in respect of which formal action was not taken could, at reasonable expense, have been brought up to an acceptable standard, particularly in view of the financial assistance now avaiable to owners in the way of grants from the Council.

Sixteen applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved by the Council, two of these were Improvement Grants (Discretionary Grants) the other fourteen cases being for the provision of standard amenities only.

The higher standard grant was given in one case where it was thought necessary to extend the premises in order to provide the standard amenities.

During the year building in the private sector provided 132 additional dwellings within the district, and the Council's building programme progressed at Portway Lane with thirteen dwellings completed and occupied.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected weekly from all dwellings in the district and twice weekly from shop premises.

The "kerb side" method of collection would still appear to be acceptable to the majority of the population, even though this method is frowned upon in other parts of the country.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (cont'd)

The bonus scheme, introducted in 1968, and paid to the principal collection gang is still proving successful, and providing a worthwhile incentive to the men employed in this unpleasant task.

Disposal of the Town's refuse has proceeded satisfactorily at Portway Lane by means of controlled tipping. The occasional complaint received of flies from the tip by nearby residents have ceased since the tip has been moved further away and out of sight.

The use of this low lying site for tipping purposes has been well worthwhile and progress is such that six acres of land, with a small amount of cultivation, has been grassed over to provide a play area for the children and a reasonable football pitch.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravans continue to be stationed on the four licensed residential sites in the district, all these sites are kept under supervision and found to be run in an orderly manner, without giving rise to nuisance or complaint.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on the extension to the sewage disposal works, which commenced in 1969, is still ahead of schedule. The number of premises in the district not served by the sewerage system is negligible.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS: for the purpose of provisions as to health (Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of: Inspections (3)	Number of: Written Notices (4)	Number of: Prosecutions Instituted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
i) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	42	-	
i) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	42	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred: By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	1	-	-	1	-
Over Crowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	3	-	3	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (continued)

PART VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

SECTION 133				SECTION 134		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecuti
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (making etc. cleaning and washing)	54	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	54	-	-	-	-	-